

CLAIMS

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1. A composition for controlling fecal hair excretion and trichobezoar formation in an animal comprising from about 10 to about 42 wt% crude protein, from about 4 to about 30 wt% fat, from about 1 to about 25 wt% total dietary fiber, and a supplemental fiber source.
2. The composition of claim 1 wherein said supplemental fiber source is present in an amount which provides from about 1 to about 13 weight percent of supplemental total dietary fiber.
3. The composition of claim 1 wherein said supplemental fiber source is present in an amount which provides from about 6 to about 12 weight percent of supplemental total dietary fiber.
4. The composition of claim 1 wherein said supplemental fiber source is present in an amount which provides from about 10 to about 12 weight percent of supplemental total dietary fiber.
5. The composition of claim 1 wherein said supplemental fiber source is selected from the group consisting of at least one fermentable fiber; a blend of at least two fermentable fibers; a blend of at least one fermentable fiber and a cellulose ether; a blend of at least one fermentable fiber, a cellulose ether, and mineral oil; and a blend of at least one fermentable fiber and at least one non-fermentable fiber.
6. The composition of claim 5 wherein said fermentable fiber(s) are selected from the group consisting of beet pulp, gum arabic, fructooligosaccharides, and blends thereof.

7. The composition of claim 5 wherein said fermentable fibers have an organic matter disappearance of at least 20 percent.
8. The composition of claim 1 wherein said supplemental fiber source comprises a blend of beet pulp and carboxymethylcellulose.
9. The composition of claim 1 wherein said supplemental fiber source comprises a blend of beet pulp, carboxymethylcellulose, and mineral oil.
10. The composition of claim 1 wherein said supplemental fiber source comprises a blend of beet pulp and cellulose.
11. The composition of claim 1 wherein said supplemental fiber source comprises about 6 wt% beet pulp, about 2.0 wt% gum arabic, and about 1.5 wt% fructo-oligosaccharides.
12. The composition of claim 1 wherein said supplemental fiber source comprises about 6 wt% beet pulp and about 1.5 wt% carboxymethylcellulose.
13. The composition of claim 1 wherein said supplemental fiber source comprises about 6 wt% beet pulp and about 1.5 wt% carboxymethylcellulose, and about 2 wt% mineral oil.
14. The composition of claim 1 wherein said supplemental fiber source comprises about 6 wt% beet pulp and about 6.5 wt% cellulose.
15. The composition of claim 1 wherein said supplemental fiber source comprises about 12 wt% beet pulp.

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16. A process for controlling fecal hair excretion and trichobezoar formation in an animal comprising feeding said animal a composition comprising from about 10 to about 42 wt% crude protein, from about 4 to about 30 wt% fat, from about 1 to about 25 wt% total dietary fiber, and a supplemental fiber source.
17. The process of claim 16 wherein said supplemental fiber source is present in an amount which provides from about 1 to about 13 weight percent of supplemental total dietary fiber.
18. The process of claim 16 wherein said supplemental fiber source is selected from the group consisting of at least one fermentable fiber; a blend of at least two fermentable fibers; a blend of at least one fermentable fiber and a cellulose ether; a blend of at least one fermentable fiber, a cellulose ether, and mineral oil; and a blend of at least one fermentable fiber and at least one non-fermentable fiber.
19. The composition of claim 18 wherein said fermentable fiber(s) are selected from the group consisting of beet pulp, gum arabic, fructooligosaccharides, and blends thereof.
20. The process of claim 16 wherein said supplemental fiber source comprises a blend of beet pulp and carboxymethylcellulose.
21. The process of claim 16 wherein said supplemental fiber source comprises a blend of beet pulp, carboxymethylcellulose, and mineral oil.
22. The process of claim 16 wherein said supplemental fiber source comprises a blend of beet pulp and cellulose.